TAFT RETIREMENT EXCITES OFFICIALS

. Shake Up in President's Official Family Expected.

IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Prospective Nominees Are Already Laying Their Lines for the Republican Nomination.

With Justice Henry B. Brown abou o retire and Secretary Taft regarded by many as his probable successor, and with revival of the talk of the retire ment from the Cabinet of Secretaries Shaw and Hitchcock and Attorney Gen-eral Moody, Washington is looking to most important shifting about of fig ires on the official stage in the cours of another year. The first year of Presiient Roosevelt's second term saw com paratively little change in Cabinet cir-cles. The second year seems likely to

witness much more important changes. If these prospective changes affected the Cabinet alone or the Cabinet and the Supreme Court alone, they would be of sufficient importance. But they reach nuch further than these institutions and politicians discern clearly enough that they have an important bearing or large national politics, especially on the Presidential campaign, which is but two years distant.

Presidential Candidates.

With none is the question of Secretary Taft's course of more importance than with the gentlemen who are aspiring for the Presidency to succeed Mr. Roosevelts Should Mr. Taft go to the Supreme Bench, the field of Republican Presidential possibilities would be appreciably narrowed down. It is pretty generally accepted here that Senator Foraker is out of it as a 1908 possibility. Should Taft succeed Justice Brown, there would be left as the large figures in the Presi-dential race Root, Shaw, and Fairbanks

Of course, there are other possibilities, such as Knox, Cortelyou, Cannon, and La Follette, but the fact remains that the first three mentioned are the ones given most serious consideration in

If Mr. Taft does not go to the Su-creme Court, many believe that despite his statement that he is not a candidate, he will have powerful sup-port for the nomination. Regardless of the fact Congress has turned down ong odds the most popular man in th Cabinet with the members of both

Secretary Shaw will leave the Cabinet in about a year. He will then devote all his energies to his Presidential campaign. Who will be his successor is a matter for conjecture. Many names ave been suggested in this connection. Shaw, however, is not going to wait for his Cabinet time to end before getting into the Presidential fight earn-

getting into the Presidential fight earnestly and thoroughly. He is already in it, and he is planning a great tour of the country this summer, when he hopes to parallel the effective swing around the circle taken by McKinley some months before the contest for the 18% nomination became acute.

Secretary Shaw and his friends would be greatly pleased to see Taft on the Supreme Bench. They unquestionably regard him as a dangerous factor, who is likely to draw powerful Western support if he is not put out of the Presidential field absolutely by taking a position that will preclude his elevation to the White House.

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Vice President Fairbanks and his adherents look on the situation in the ht and will be quite as wel pleased as the Shaw following if Taff gets out of the way for good and all. How active the Fairbanks movement is becoming is best understood by the irgent efforts made, and made succ fully, to get Hoggatt of Indiana made governor of Alaska. It is not seriously doubted here that in return Hoggatt is expected to deliver the Alaskan delega-tion to the next Republican national convention to Fairbanks.

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Just when Hitchcock will go is uncertain, but it is not believed he will remain many months. Commissioner Warner, of the Pension Office, is already talked of to succeed him. Marion Butler, ex-Senator from South Carolina, is understood to want the job.

Bonaparte in Moody's Place.

Attorney General Moody's retiremen in the course of about a year is also once more broached. It is practically settled that as things stand now, Secretary Bonaparte will go to the Department of Justice and that George V. L. Meyer, of Massachusetts, now ambassa

Meyer, of Massachusetts, now ambassador to Russia, will become head of the Navy Department. Bonaparte has already displayed energy and efficiency, coupled with independence in the management of the Navy Department, and in case he goes to Moody's place, may be expected to assume a vigorous role in the anti-trust prosecutions on which President Roosevelt is intent.

It is everywhere recognized that the proper filling of Tait's place in Government affairs is a difficult one. The man first suggested for the job. Judge Charles E. Magoon, is the man who by experience seems best fitted for the position. At any rate, Magoon has the full confidence of the Administration, and this would be the chief element in determining who should carry out the Government's insular and canal policies.

TELEPHONES ARE BARRED AT FAMED SCOTLAND YARD

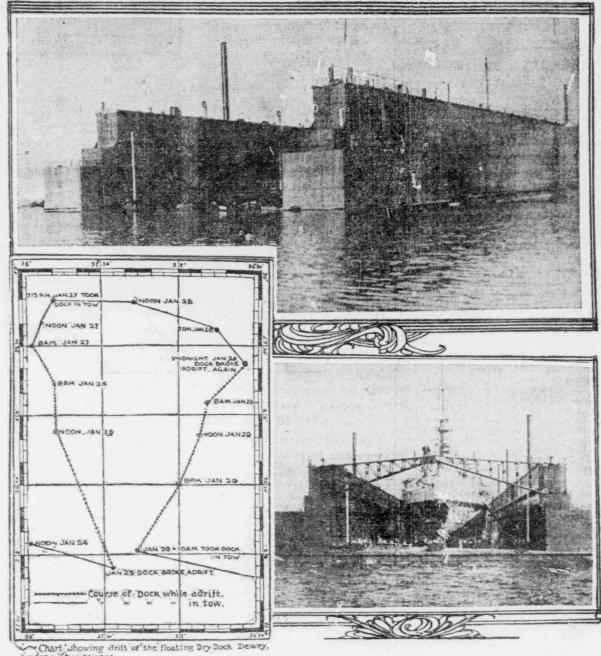
LONDON, March 12.—The report that Scotland Yard had detected the existence of the telephone is incorrect. Scot land Yard declines to detect the tele phone. It refuses to have a telephone. Efforts are being made to induce the authorities of England's head detective bureau to install the telephone, but they will fail. The headquarters of London's fire department uses the telephone, but Scotland Yard scorns it. Scotland Yard prefers the ancient means of communi-

ondon's criminals agree with Scotland Yard that the telephone is unserviceable. The crooks can "crack a crib" and get far away before Scotland Yard detec-tives learn of the crime,

BETROTHAL OF ALFONSO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

today announced to the chamber of deputies King Alfonso's betrothal to Princess Edna of Battenberg. After-ward Senor Salvador, the finance min-ister, read the articles of the marriage contract by which an annual afternation. of 250,000 pesetas, or \$48,250, is made to Princess Ena.

DEWEY DRYDOCK FORCED TO HAVEN AFTER WEEKS OF TERRIFIC GALES



Drifted Far From Course at Times-Now at Canary Islands.

NEW YORK March 12.-Special disthat the floating drydock Dewey, in tow of the United States steamships have went by the board and carried Colorado. Glacier, Caesar, and Brutus, has arrived there, where a stay or about a week will be made for coal, stores, and

Progress has been slow on account of head winds and seas. No stop there was intended when the expedition started from Chesapeake hav on the 28th of De. rom Chesapeake bay on the 28th of Denoon of January 25 a revolving storm
comber, but unexpected and unusual adwas observed, the center of which, or

length of the voyage across the Atlan-tic. Even the northeast trade wind was once more sent to the dock from the Brutus, with the aid of the Potomac seemed to have come farther northward and a lifeboat from the Glacler, and the make the voyage more of a struggle. Trials the towing ships and drydock have had in plenty. Stormy days, with gales and heavy rains and rough seas; nights when towlines parted or had to be let go and hauled in, while the rain and wind and darkness made the task of heading the large and unwiddy.

ne, as she steered very badly at scow had established a line of wireles All ships and the dock were then kept within 120 miles of the fleet's positi

naled: "Hawser carried away." A few away, leaving about forty feet on drum the wind 108 miles to the northwest, the

vortex, passed within five miles of th necessitated it.

No one, not even the personnel of the towing fleet, anticipated the unusual length of the voyage across the Atlantic. Even the northeast trade wind the Brutus, with the aid of the Potomac

Weathered Storms Well.

The drydock has withstood the severe weather conditions admirably, except and wind and darkness made the task of handling the large and unwieldy liawsers arduous. Yet, not one of the officers or crew of the towing fleet or dirydock doubts that they will bring the dock safely to her destination.

A Thrilling Experience.

Possibly the worst experience was that beginning the night of January 24, when the dock of the end pontoons and side waits, which was temporarily remedied by additional fastenings and will be further strengthened during the stay here. A feature of the expedition has been the continuous use of wireless telegraphy. Communication was sustained with the United States for 1,460 miles:

On January 29, long since out of touch the waits and says he will not have his face sacrificed to the whim of silly persons. He is a Democrat, but he will affiliate with the side in the present fight that the United States for 1,460 miles:

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he weather became bad, blowing up a with the shore stations, the operator strong gale from the southeast, with on watch was surprised at 11:30 at night the avy rain squalls, and soon raising a to get a call from the U. S. S. Maryheavy sea. By daylight it was found necessary to cast off the Glacier's tow- and it was learned that Admiral Evans head to wind and sea until 6 o'clock in the Maryland being the nearest vessel

WHISKERS AN ISSUE IN MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

a thick mat of beard, and fellow-of leers and others who come in contract His duties touching quarantines take him continually where disease prevails, and there is fear that this luxuriant

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"A magnificent collection of lovely hats!"

"Exquisite styles, and how remarkably low-priced for such beauty."

These, and many other expressions in a like strain were heard all day today in our Millinery section. It is our Spring Opening of Mil-

linery, and the praise lavished upon us amply repays us for the long months of study and effort to bring about this wonderful showing of spring hats.

That it is the largest, most complete and satisfactory display we've ever had goes without saying.

The leading artists of Paris and New York; in fact, every fashion center, find representation in this immense assemblage. Our own milliners have adapted and created many styles equally as beautiful and becoming. Come and enjoy the beauty show tomorrow.

\$6.00 Trimmed \$3.98

Another very unusual offering. The hat is the atest style small Sailor, and is made of best quality satin braids. Trimmed with crushed band and side bow of mirrored velvet, and an imported feather effect, held by a fine buckle and bow of relvet on bandeau.

Colors include old rose, Alice blue, gray, black, lack-and-white, light blue, green, brown, and navy

This hat is extremely smart looking, and cannot be duplicated in Washington for less than six dollars. Opening sale price, \$3.98.

59c Colored Taffetas

and brown.
Strictly all-silk quality which sells in
ther stores at 59c a yard.
Opening Sale Price, 39c.

100-Piece English China

Reduced from \$13.98

We have fifty Dinner Sets to sell at this low price. Not enough to go around—and those who delay coming will get tet!

The lot consists of fine quality English China Dinner Sets known as blue willow. Each set contains 160 pieces—all are large, full size. 12 cups, 12 saucers, 12 breakfast plates, 12 dinner plates, 12 soup plates, 12 fruit plates, 12 butters, 2 meat dishes, 1 open vegetable dish, 2 covered dishes, 1 cream pitcher, 1 sugar bowl, 1 slop bowl, 1 covered butter dish, 1 pickle dish, 1 gravy boat. Actual value, \$13.98. Opening special, \$8.98.

Spring Housewares

Silver plated Cracker Jars, Claret Jugs, Fruit Stands, and Cream Pitchers. Regular 31.49 98 values for 1.49 98 Nickel-plated Crumb Tray and Scraper. 25 Regular 49c value. 25 Nickel-plated Bread Trays. regular 25c 10 value, for 13 Novel Warmick China

12-p'ece Warwick China Toilet Sets, with beauti-ful filled-in flower and gold decorations. Jar is large size, with side handles and cover. Reg-ular \$6.49 \$4.98

56-piece Austrian China Tea Sets, with beautiful floral and gold decora-tions. Regu-l a r \$5.49 \$3.49 value for..... Carlsbad China Cracker Jars, with filled-in flower and gold decora-tions. Regular 50c 25c value.

Nickel-plated Bathroom Fixtures, including Towel Bars, Towel Racks, Towel Rings, Hanging Soap Dishes, Brush Holders, Towel Clamps, and Toilet Paper Holders. Regular 25c values 10c for. Silver-plated Salt and Pepper Shakers; in silk-lined box, Regular 25c

\$1 Shepherd Check Mohairs 59c

The stylish Mohair Sicilian Shepherd Checks, which are high in farmion's favor this season, are of-fered at nearly half price tomorrow. Here's rare, good news, surely.

48 inches wide, with a beautiful rich luster that gives it the appearance of silk. Strictly reversible and dustproof. Colors are green and white, gray and white, reseda and white, and brown and white,

Decorated China, 10c

Value Up to 25c

A sale of this beautiful Carlsbad Chinaware A safe of this beautiful carisbatt childware that offers surprising values.

Just the pleces you want for everyday use—and so little to pay for them that you'll want a fresh supply.

Each plece is daintly strewn with roses and buds and full gold finished.

Among the most useful pleces represented in the sale are the following:

CUPS AND SAUCERS. OLIVE DISHES, CREAM PITCHERS, OATMEALS, SPOON HOLDERS. TEA PLATES,

DINNER PLATES. SUGAR BOWLS, FRUIT SAUCERS.

For the Opening \$5.00 \$8.00 Hats for .

We will have on sale tomorrow a lot of two hundred Hats that are actually worth eight dollars, and cannot be matched for a penny less. No two alike. The assortment embraces just that many new and charming styles for spring wear, in all the leading colors. The majority of these hats are made of imported braids, and for this reason noduplicates of them can be had. They are effectively trimmed with wings, quills, flowers, and other deirable materials. They are especially adapted for early spring wear-and every woman who wants to save money and at the same time secure a tylish hat should be here tomorrow for one of

27-in. Radium Silk

are these beautiful lustrous Ra-silks. Please note that these are the narrow width—but the wide h which sell elsewhere for 69c a. In great favor for street wear commencement dresses. colors, including old rose, reseda, blue. Alice blue, helio, tan, m, gray, cream, white, and ivery, ening Sale Price, 49c a yard.

Cutlery Sale, 89c

Choice of Values Worth Up to \$1.69

A special purchase of Fine Quality Table of Meriden, Cont Twelve-piece sets, consisting of six knives and six orks to match—of the finest grades.

Values worth up to \$1.69 a set temerrow at 89c.

Basement.

Sale of Go-Carts

When balmy spring days come you should provide a Go-cart and give baby an outing every fair day. These underprice lots of Go-carts present an excellent opportunity to save money.

Included are the season's new styles; among them the Pantasote and Rattan ones are to be the favorites. Some can be folded up into such small space as you wouldn't think possible. One style can be packed away in a dress suit case. n a dress suit case.

\$3.00 Go-Carts at \$1.98 \$6.00 Go-Carts at \$4.98 \$4.00 Go-Carts at \$2.98 \$10.00 Go-Carts at \$7.98

Art Rugs

Nothing is more desirable for general use than one of these Wool Ingrain Art Rugs. They wear well and look well, and at the same time are not expensive.

Less than regular prices are marked on these lots of Wool Ingrain Art Squares or Rugs for Monday. If you are fixing up the home this is your best buying opportunity.

At \$1.98; Worth \$3.50 At \$3.48; Worth \$6.00 At \$2.98; Worth \$4.50 At \$3.98; Worth \$7.00 (Size 3 by 2½ yards.)

French Val Laces

No scarcity of these popular Laces here, although most stores can show only meager assortments. Our finger is constantly on the pulse of fashion—and we anticipated the great demand for Val. laces, giving large orders far in advance of your needs. Hence you are sure of finding a complete stock of these pretty and bobular laces here.

Twelve-yard pleces, in both Edges and Insertings, Exceptional values at the following prices:

25c, 39c, 50c, 69c and 98c Piece

New Curtains

New Curtains for spring and summer are to be brought to your attention tomorrow by the sure means of lowered prices. Every item listed below spells "economy." New Curtains of Swiss, plain Madras, Cross-stripe Madras, and Snowflake effects. Ruffled, flat net, and novelty styles.

Fine quality Bobinet Ruffled Curtains, finished with French and Battenberg edge and inserting. Regular \$2 val- \$1.39

Flat Net Curtains, in white nd Arablan color; finishet with Battenberg and Marie Antoinette trimmings.

Worth \$5 to \$7 a\$3.98

New styles in Madras and Snowflake Cross-stripe Curtains in light and dark colors, Worth \$3 a pair. Sale price.......\$1.69

Plain Muslin Curtains, ruffled with four rows of tucks. Full three yards long. Regular \$1 50c values. Pair at

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